



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

### September 16, 2020



#### FROM PASTOR JON

What a joy to be able to offer drive up communion to thirty eight people this past Sunday. **Please mark your calendars for our next distribution October 4 from 10:30 – 11 am.** As this was our first offering, we'd love to hear feedback from you on how we can make this as meaningful as possible without sacrificing our number one goal of doing this safely.

One suggestion which we'll incorporate next time is having two "stations" – the first will be for general greetings, catching up & prayer requests, then the second will be for the actual distribution. We were so excited to see everyone we kind of combined the two this time!

Although I have been "with" many of you on Zoom gatherings these last six months, there is no substitute for real flesh and blood, even if we have to remain 6' apart and wearing masks. I think this speaks to the power of the incarnation; of God being incarnated in Jesus the Christ. Instead of waving some wand from the distant heavens, God entered into the fullness of our humanity, the joys and the suffering, the beauty and the ugliness. This God, Emanuel, has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. Expressions of this presence are found through God's living word written in scripture and fulfilled in Jesus. We experience God's presence through the

means of grace, including the sacrament of holy communion, and in the community of saints seeking to love God and love our neighbor. We see the writing of the author of creation through the beauty around us.

In these most difficult days of the pandemic, raging wildfires, threatening hurricanes and flooding, remember God's promise to be with us. Always. Even to the end of the age.

And if you'd like a listening ear, please contact me at 843-304-5664 or [pastorjon12@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjon12@gmail.com).

God's peace & hope,  
Pastor Jon

## LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY



### LCM UPDATE

Tonight will be our first time gathering in person after some weeks of caution. We had a couple of positive COVID tests in the group, so we responded by postponing our activities for two weeks and encouraging students to be tested if they had been exposed.

Fortunately, we did not have any subsequent positive test results, which ensures that the precautions we have been taking as a group have been important. This did, though, reinforce that the pandemic is serious, and we will continue to take it seriously when we meet in the weeks ahead.

**Action Item:** When students or their roommates and close friends test positive, they are forced to self-quarantine for at least two weeks. We've started to compile a sort of "quarantine pantry" to help support students if/when they find themselves in a situation like this. Some simple groceries (mac & cheese, canned soup, snacks, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.) could go a long way if a student finds themselves suddenly unable to go to the store. If

you're interested in donating any of these things, please talk to Pastor Josh about when/where to drop them off at church. [jkestne@g.clemson.edu](mailto:jkestne@g.clemson.edu) or 919-744-1590

## PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Two of the readings for today from the *Word in Season* have the same powerful thought. Both are familiar stories from the Bible and had a new message for me that is important in these times in which we are living.

The first story is from the 50th chapter of Genesis, verses 15 to 26. Jacob has just died in Egypt. Joseph's brothers are concerned now that Jacob has died that Joseph will hold a grudge and pay them back for selling him into slavery in Egypt. Joseph tells them, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Jacob's family had survived the famine in the land and was safe in Egypt.

The second story is from the 11th chapter of Mark's gospel, verses 20-25. Earlier, Jesus had cursed a fig tree that was not producing figs. The next day the fig tree was withered. Jesus then tells the disciples about the power of prayer in verses 22 - 24, "Have faith in God. ... Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." God may not answer our prayers the way we think he should, but, if we believe, he WILL answer them.

God can take a bad situation and make good come out of it. This is not saying that God causes bad things to happen to his people. We live in a fallen world. Our prayers may not be answered the way we want and on our time table. There is still evil and sin in this world. Covid-19 and racial injustice are still with us. But God is also still with us. I love the way Pastor Elizabeth Jaeger of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin ends her devotion.

"But God is always at work, bringing about good for a numerous people, including us."

Thank you, God!

## HUGS FROM BRENDA MONN!



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## HUG SIGNS!

If you would like to share a picture or story about your "Hug Sign" in the newsletter, please send the information to Abi at [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com) and it will be included in the next newsletter!

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## FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mollie Barrow is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Sunday School K-12**

**Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Every week on Sun, until Dec 27, 202**

**Sep 20, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Sep 27, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Oct 4, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Oct 11, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Oct 18, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Oct 25, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Nov 1, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Nov 8, 2020 10:00 AM**

Nov 15, 2020 10:00 AM

Nov 22, 2020 10:00 AM

Nov 29, 2020 10:00 AM

Dec 6, 2020 10:00 AM

Dec 13, 2020 10:00 AM

Dec 20, 2020 10:00 AM

Dec 27, 2020 10:00 AM

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812001614?  
pwd=bmk5cEdmN1FkdGtONUtMQmpjeDJSQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812001614?pwd=bmk5cEdmN1FkdGtONUtMQmpjeDJSQT09)

**Meeting ID: 818 1200 1614**

**Passcode: SSK-12**

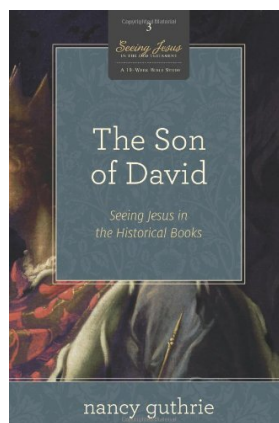
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN MEETING!  
JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AT 10 AM VIA ZOOM!**

We will be using the Adult Bible Studies series as we have in the past. This quarter's study topic will be *Love for One Another*. As it says in the introduction: *It's not as easy to love some people as it seems at first glance. That's why we need three months to dig into this study of Jesus's commandment to love one another.*

**Please contact Linda Holt via email [lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net) prior to gathering time.** I will send you the meeting ID and passcode for the meeting, along with some materials you may want to preview (but it's not necessary). I am excited to gather again in community, even if it is in a new way, with previous classmates and with new classmates.

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**TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM**



*The Son of David*  
**Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books**  
**DVD and study book by Nancy Guthrie**

**10 sessions: Sept. 15 – Nov. 17, 2020**

**10:00 to 11:15 am**

*SON OF DAVID* books are available with home study or you can just watch the lecture video and join the Tuesday's class. The lectures are printed in the book if you miss a class. We will deliver books.

Sign up or questions please contact

Karen Dreher [jkdreher@att.net](mailto:jkdreher@att.net)

We will have help for using Zoom.

For more information about the material see *The Son of David*  
by Nancy Guthrie on the internet.



## **PLEDGE, TIME, AND TALENT**

We are using an online Pledge, Time and Talent form electronically this year for your convenience and safety in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But, don't worry, if you would like to have a paper copy, we can provide one.

Please email Marty High ([marty@martyhigh.com](mailto:marty@martyhigh.com)) or Abi ([unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)) for a paper form.

To access the online form click on this [link](#). You may use the link as many times as you like. For example, you can make a pledge for a family and a separate submission for Time and Talent pledge for an individual (child or adult). Every individual in the family can submit a time and talent form without the pledge form. Everyone in the family can participate in our Church.

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**FROM THE STEWARDSHIP**

## COMMITTEE



To give electronically, look for this icon on the lower right of the University Lutheran webpage at <http://uniluclemson.org/>. Click on “Give an Offering.”

Or [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the giving page.



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD OCTOBER 14 - 24

This year’s Homecoming build will be held but with some significant changes. The build will not take

place on Bowman Field but rather at the location where the house will actually remain. The number of student volunteers will be reduced to 8-10 per shift.

What hasn’t changed is that a family who has long awaited their own home will have it within their grasp with wonderful student volunteers coming together to make a family’s dream come true.

What can we do to help? We are asking you to please donate “Gatorade” type drinks. Please bring them to the Narthex until Friday October 23. These drinks will be brought to the site each day and appreciated by the hard working students and their supervisors.

Please help with this very worthy outreach. **Questions? Call Katie Healy; 678-458-1840.**

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### THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE NAVIGATE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TOGETHER (Subject to Change as Circumstances Change)

- **All worship services and church meetings will be conducted online until CDC/NIH give a declaration that people can gather in groups of more than 100. Sunday service livestreamed at 9 AM on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/> later posted to our website [www.uniluclemson.org](http://www.uniluclemson.org) and YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue\\_fONog](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue_fONog).

- Council has requested that the pastors not have in-person pastoral visits, except in the case of life-threatening emergency.
- Pastors will use telecare or other methods for the duration of this public health emergency.
- Pastors can be reached via cell phone 24/7. Please **DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**. Pastor Jon: 843-304-5664; Pastor Josh: 919-744-1590.
- Church administrative assistant, Abi Donhauser will work remotely from her home office. She can be reached during normal office hours Monday - Thursday, 7 am to 12 noon & 1 pm to 2:30 pm; Friday 8 am to 12 noon at 864-722-5504 or by email; [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com).
- LCM meals will be provided as boxed/to-go meals rather than usual group meals. A small number of people will help with meal preparation.
- This public health emergency may leave people feeling isolated. To combat this, Council and others in the congregation, who desire to do so, (volunteers are welcome!) will be asked to contact others regularly to check in (lists will be provided).
- Church facilities remain available to congregation members, but we suggest that this be for **INDIVIDUALS ONLY AND NOT FOR GATHERINGS/MEETINGS**. Please thoroughly sanitize after use.
- Clemson Community Care will continue their regular schedule of operations. Donations can be made at the church (baskets in narthex) or can be brought directly to their facility. Online monetary donations are also greatly appreciated

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## UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

### SUNDAY:

Worship 9:30 am on Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/>

Adult Bible Study 10 am - Linda Holt [lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net)

"Love for one another"

Youth Sunday School 10 am - Mollie Barrow [mbarrowjr@aol.com](mailto:mbarrowjr@aol.com)

### MONDAY - SATURDAY:

Morning Devotion "Jammies with Jesus" 7:30 am on Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/>



## TUESDAY:

Bible Study 10 - 11:15 am - Karen Dreher [jkdreher@att.net](mailto:jkdreher@att.net)

"The Son of David"

## WEDNESDAY:

Bible Study 10 am - Marty High [marty@martyhigh.com](mailto:marty@martyhigh.com)

"The Book of Acts"

## FRIDAY:

Zoom Drop in with Renee & Pastor Jon 5 - 6 pm

Drop in for a few minutes or hangout for the full hour.

Contact Pastor Jon [pastorjon12@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjon12@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

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# UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

## UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:  
Marty Copenhaver & family; Jimmie Pletta & family; Gail Paul; Pat Wagner;  
Roselyn Flanigan; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Randy Gilchrist; Larry  
Bock; Joyce Lillehamer.

## UNILU CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Birthdays this Coming Week: Katie Caterino; Jim Reneke; Keith  
Phelan; Sean Stephan; Matthew Vetter; John Vinson.

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# PARISH INFORMATION

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## LINKS

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**MISS A SERVICE?**

The recorded church sermons, audio and video, are posted weekly to the website: [www.uniluclemson.org](http://www.uniluclemson.org) and to the University Lutheran Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/>

**REMOTE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday–Thursday 7 am–12 pm; 1 pm–2:30 pm  
Fridays 8 am - 12 Noon

Abi can be reached during the above hours at: **864-722-5504** or [unilusectetary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusectetary@gmail.com)

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**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

*University Lutheran is a family of faith, called by the Holy Spirit to be one ministry serving both our community and university. The Spirit calls us to make known, by word and deed, the story of God's love in Jesus. Our worship together empowers us to grow as disciples as we receive, celebrate, and share God's gifts with all of God's creation and created ones.*